

36

Nov. 30.

THE ALCONA IS DOING FINELY

**Has Frozen Two Cargoes of
Herring at Bonne Bay—
Crafts Go to Load.**

Herring have struck in at Bonne Bay, N. F., and the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company steamer Alcona has already taken on and frozen between 3000 and 4000 barrels of fish, two good vessel loads, which are ready to be transhipped home.

Schs. Maxine Elliott and Tacoma have left for Bonne Bay and will load these cargoes for the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

FISHERMAN ARE ON A STRIKE

**On Pacific Coast and Con-
cerns May Send Here
for Men.**

Judging from the tenor of the letters received here frequently from members of the company of Gloucester fishermen, who went to the Pacific coast a few years ago to engage in the Pacific coast fisheries, there is no small number of the crowd who wish they were back here and probably would give a good deal to be fishing in one of the eastern haddocks again.

A recent letter from Seattle from one of those belonging here says that things are pretty dull just about the present time, as there is a strike on between the fishermen and owners. There is talk, it is said, of sending on east for more men, but all the fishermen are hoping that none will come to take the place of the striking men, who are fighting to secure what they deem their rights.

What the French Fleet Did.

The French fleet on the Newfoundland Banks during the season of 1912 numbered 40 schooners fitted out in the colony of St. Pierre et Miquelon, 240 sailing vessel fitted out in France, and 14 steam trawlers from France. Five of the St. Pierre schooners and one steam trawler were lost. The losses of the continental fleet of sailing vessels are not known here. The 35 St. Pierre schooners that finished the season landed 4,854,486 pounds of green salted fish, or an average of 138,690 pounds per schooner. This is a very poor catch, and although green bank cod sold at St. Pierre as high as five cents a pound, and the average price of the season was in the neighborhood of 4 1/4 cents, nearly all owners incurred heavy losses. The 13 trawlers that survived landed at St. Pierre for trans-shipment 3,985,245 pounds of green salted fish. It is supposed that each of the trawlers also carried back a cargo of fish to France. They probably made a fair profit on the season.

Cod Scarcer This Year.

Old Nahant fishermen admit themselves puzzled over the conditions which prevail this year in the grounds off Eastern Point.

Not in many years have cod been as scarce as this year. On the other hand, not in the memory of even Charley Gove, the pioneer fisherman, have they run to such enormous sizes.

Recently a catch of "150 weight" was made in a short time, all the specimens weighing from 40 to 60 pounds, with heads as large as ordinary water buckets. Skill which enabled the fishermen to capture hundreds in the past goes for naught now, and only the most wily tactics will result in the landing of a big fellow.

The fishermen state that netting and trawling earlier in the season is responsible for the scarcity, but all are at a loss to account for the extraordinary size which is prevalent.

Nov. 30.

Oregon After Halibut.

After having overlooked the possibilities in this direction for years, Oregon coast points are discovering a new source of wealth, namely, deep sea fishing. Valuable halibut fisheries are now being developed, which promise to prove exceptionally profitable. It is only within the past few months that it has become known that extensive halibut banks exist only a few miles from convenient point. A number of schooners have been equipped for the work and are now operating regularly to and from the grounds. A cold storage plant has been erected at Newport, on Yaquina Bay, to handle the catch of the fishing fleet and every trip of the vessels has been marked by success.

Don't Like Steam Trawlers.

Although the new steam trawlers at Durban, Natal, are making good catches, certain vested interests are said to be unfavorable to the new trawling company, and owing to facilities for distribution there being hindered, several tons of fish have had to be destroyed.

Nov. 30.

New Fish Scheme.

Fritz Optis, from Germany, who has been at St. John's for six weeks, leaves by the Mongolian to report to a wealthy German concern, in whose interest he has been at St. John's, associated with Mr. Kampf, they planning to go into the fishery operations on a large scale. Mr. Kampf has taken over the Thos. Smith Co.'s premises on Duckworth street, and is planning large lobster-export trade, fishery supplying, making of lobster cans, etc., and also, for the supply of the general merchandise from American and European manufacturers. This should be a very successful undertaking.—St. John's Chronicle.

Dec. 2.

I, for one, am mighty glad to see that the steamer Alcona, now at Newfoundland and owned by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company off this port, is doing so finely. Ever since the purchase about two years ago, the company has received all manners of criticisms besides a lot of hard luck. The most disastrous incident was the fire on board badly burning her just as she was ready to sail in the early summer. The firm was not discouraged at this and with the same dogged persistency that has brought the firm to the fore in the fishing industry, they kept on with their task, determined to send her on the mission to Newfoundland. Success crowned their efforts and it will be remembered that a number of weeks ago she steamed out of the harbor and pointed her bow across the bay to the land of herring. I hope now that the firm will get some adequate return for the large sum they expended in fitting her for her trip.

Dec. 2.

Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, which had been fishing on Georges, brought in a small amount of halibut and about 20,000 pounds of salt cod at Portland. He will keep the latter on board and fit out here for another trip to the banks. The Trask took the gale a week ago Sunday night when about 60 miles off Cape Elizabeth, but reefed down and succeeded in making Boothbay Harbor.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, haddocking.
Sch. Juno, haddocking.
Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.
Sch. Jorgina haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveria, haddocking.
Sch. Leonora Silveria, haddocking.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, haddocking.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Flora S. Oliver arrived at Liverpool Friday last and cleared for fishing.

Sch. Georgiana arrived at Shelburne Thursday last and cleared.

HALIBUTERS HERE TODAY

**Three Bring Small Fares
Which Sold to American
Halibut Co.**

The morning's receipts at this port include three of the halibut catchers who have arrived since Saturday's report with approximately 28,000 pounds among them. All three fares sold to the American Halibut company this forenoon at 17 cents a pound for white and 14 cents for gray.

Sch. Rhodora Capt. Augustus Petersen had 12,000 weight, in addition to 10,000 pounds of salt cod, and sch. Waldo L. Stream, Capt. Frank Stream, 14,000 pounds, in addition to a few fresh and salt fish. Sch. Yakima, Capt. Ralph Wharton had about 2000 weight of halibut and 40,000 pounds of fresh fish and 10,000 pounds of salt cod.

Most of the gill netters were out Saturday and Sunday, although many of the fares averaged considerably smaller during previous days of the week. Most of the fish was pollock which sold to the splitters.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Yakima, Cape Shore, 2000 lbs. fresh halibut, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Harriett, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, shore.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.

Sch. Rhodora, halibuting, 12,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, Cape Shore, halibuting, 14,000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Water Witch, 11,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bessie M. Dugan, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 4738 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Scout, gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mindora, gill netting, 3035 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 6173 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Nomad, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. George E. Fisher, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 9000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geo. E. Fisher, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 16,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Sunflower, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Scout, gill netting, 2000 fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 12,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 17,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Venture, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Philomena, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Ethel, gill netting, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nashawena, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Medomak, gill netting, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Sawyer, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Dec. 2.

FIFTEEN SAIL IN AT T WHARF

**Sch. Richard With 76,000
Pounds, the Largest Fare
of the Day.**

T wharf arrivals this morning comprised 15 fleet of sail, five of which are off shore crafts, averaging fares prevailing.

A nice trip is that of sch. Richard, Capt. William C. Corkum, who hails for a mixed fare of 76,000 pounds. The others are schs. Mary F. Curtis, 51,000 pounds; Elmer E. Gray, 38,000 pounds; Lucania, 44,000 pounds.

Haddock sold at \$2.80 to \$6.50 a hundred; large cod, \$5 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; hake, \$3 to \$4.50; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2 and halibut, 17 cents a pound.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:
Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 13,000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 10,000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Aspinet, 15,000 haddock, 7500 cod, 1200 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 14,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Richard, 35,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 5000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Richard T. Nunan, 1500 haddock, 3500 cod, 20 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Evelyn L. Thompson, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 4800 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Flavilla, 3000 haddock, 1500 hake.

Sch. Lucania, 15,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 3000 hake, 7000 cusk, 4000 pollock.

Sch. William H. Reed, 2200 cod.

Sch. Gracie Freeman, 3000 haddock.

Sch. Joker II, 3800 cod.

Sch. Nautilus, 2000 cod.

Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 4300 cod.

Sch. Reliance, 8600 cod.

Haddock, \$2.80 to \$6.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6.50; market cod, \$3 to \$4.50; hake, \$3 to \$4.50; pollock, \$1.50; cusk, \$2; halibut, 17c for white and for gray.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$4.25; medium, \$3.75; snappers, \$2.75.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.50 per cwt.; medium, \$4.62 1-2; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Dory handlining codfish, large, \$4.50; medium, \$4.12 1-2; snappers, \$3.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Drift codfish, large, \$4.25; mediums, \$3.62 1-2.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Large salt mackerel \$20 per bbl.; Fletched halibut, 10c per lb.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

All codfish not gilled 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30 mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 90c round, 80c.

Bank halibut, 15 1/2 lb. for white and gray.

Fresh mackerel, 25c or large.

Fresh herring, \$1 per bbl. to salt; \$2 per bbl. for bait